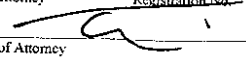


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In the application of :
Stephen Zimmerman, et al. : Confirmation No. 2167
Serial No. 09/851,040 : Group Art Unit 1761
Filed May 8, 2001 : Examiner Drew Becker

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 11, 2003 (Paper No.14) of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-23, 28 and 29.

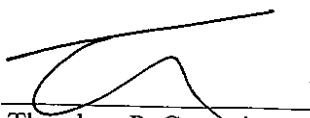
A timely response to the final rejection is being filed. The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003 in the above-identified application to permit filing this Notice of Appeal.

Please charge the appeal fee of \$320.00, any processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17, and any other necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company, Patent Division. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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